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SUMMARY: COMMITTEE DECIDED SELECTION PANEL FOR NATO RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WOULD MEET APRIL 14, 1975; DISCUSSED INFORMATION
SERVICE BUDGET FOR 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA. NO CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. NATO INFORMATION SERVICE BUDGET FOR 1975. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
THANKED DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION KOREN FOR PAPER OUTLINING
UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD ENSURE FROM FAILURE TO
GRANT BUDGET INCREASE FOR INFLATION (PAPER BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM.)
REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, ITALY, NORWAY, PORTUGAL,
TURKEY, AND UK SPOKE IN FAVOR OF 1975 BUDGET OF 62,000,000
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BELGIAN FRANCS (AN INCREASE OF 4,000,000 OVER 1974 BUDGET OF
58,000,000 BELGIAN FRANCS). FRENCH REP SAID FRANCE PREFERRED
TO HOLD BUDGET DOWN BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH INCREASE FOR INFLATION
IF THAT WERE THE WISH OF MAJORITY.

US REP SAID THAT WHILE KOREN'S PAPER MADE GOOD CASE FOR GRANTING MODEST INCREASE TO OFFSET INFLATION, IT WAS NECESSARY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE DESIRABLE AND THE POSSIBLE. NOTED THAT EVEN KEEPING INFORMATION BUDGET TO LAST YEARS BELGIAN FRANC LEVEL MAY NOT BRING NATO CIVIL BUDGET DOWN TO CEILING REQUIRED BY IMPERATIVES OF US BUDGET. SAID US POSITION WAS AN IS TO HOLD INFORMATION SERVICE BUDGET TO 58,000,000 BELGIAN FRANCS, UNLESS THE NECESSARY REDUCTIONS COULD BE FOUND ELSEWHERE. KOREN CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF CICR WOULD CONTINUE TO URGE THEIR COLLEAGUES ON BUDGET COMMITTEE TO WORK FOR THE 62,000,000 REQUESTED.

3. NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. AGREED THAT NEXT ANNUAL SELECTION PANEL WOULD MEET APRIL 14, 1975 UNLESS OBJECTION RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 3.

CANADIAN REP SAID THAT IN FUTURE COMPETITIONS THEY MIGHT SOMETIMES LIKE NORTH AMERICA REPRESENTATIVE ON PANEL TO BE FROM CANADA RATHER THAN ALWAYS FROM USA. SAID THEY MIGHT EVENTUALLY PROPOSE ROTATING SYSTEM WHEREBY CANADA MIGHT REPLACE US ON PANEL EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS.

KOREN REMINDED COMMITTEE THAT WHILE IT HAS PROVED USEFUL FOR THE PANEL TO HAVE CORE GROUP FROM NATIONS SUBMITTING LARGEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS, PANEL WAS OPEN-ENDED AND CANADA AND OTHER NATIONS COULD ALWAYS SEND REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THEY WISHED. US REP SAID US WOULD WELCOME CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORK OF SELECTION PANEL. SAID HE WOULD REPORT CANADIAN EXPRESSION OF INTERES TO US AUTHORITIES. SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT EVEN WISH TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE THIS ACADEMIC YEAT. (IN ORDER TO PRESERVE SIGNIFICANT AND CONTINUING US INFLUENCE IN SELECTION PROCESS, MISSION THINKS IT BETTER TO ENCOURAGE CANADA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPEN-ENDED NATURE OF PANEL COMPOSITION RATHER THAN HAVE FORMAL SYSTEM WHERE CANADA WOULD FROM TIME TO TIME SERVE INSTEAD OF US.)

4. OTHER BUSINESS. KOREN REPORTED BRIEFLY ON LAST WEEKS MEETING OF NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY IN LONDON. SAID THAT FROM INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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POINT OF VIEW MAIN THING TO COME OUT OF MEETING WAS RESOLUTION BY NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT MORE MUST BE DONE TO PROVIDE PARLIAMENTARIANS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH INFORMATION ON IMPORTANT NATO ISSUES.

5. ACTION FOR TANEN, PARIS. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD AGAIN BE US REP ON NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL MEETING APRIL 14, 1975, ADVISE.
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